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GENERAL NOTES.

Candidate Stewart believes that he would receive 150,000 votes for Governor of Pennsylvania if the election were held now, and he thinks the Independent tide is rising every day. The canvass, he says, will result in one of three things: "If the independent ticket is elected, the result will be the destruction of the machine, dethroning the Bosses, purifying and uniting the party. If General Beaver is elected it will result in the disintegration of the party, while at the same time Cameron will tighten his grip on the machine and use it for his own selfish political purposes as shamelessly in 1884 as he did in 1880. If Mr. Pattison is elected then that clears the ing greatly. decks, and the party can then come together and be stronger than it is to-

French enterprise is steadily persevering in the work of redeeming of the desert of Sahara by means of Artesian wells. A large number of wells have been sunk along the northern border, more than 150 in the province of Constantine alone, and the work is advancing into the interior. One of the curious phenomena which the digging of these wells has brought to notice is the existence of fish and crabs at great depths. The learned engineer M. Jus, who for twenty years has directed the work, avers that he once boiled and ate a crab which had been drawn up from a depth of 250 feet, and that moreover, it was of an excellent from Great Britain within a few days solicit-

Mayor Cleveland's chief opponents for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York made haste to congratulate him on his success. On the evening of his nomination there came from General Slocum and Congressman Flower congratulatory dispatches. General Siocum cordially said: "Kings County will give you a great majority, and no one will support you more earnestly than H. W. Slocum." Mr. Flower said: "I congratulate you upon your selection as the standard-bearer of a united Democracy. You will be elected."

Senator Edmunds has declined an invitation to speak for General Beaver in Pennsylvania on the ground that he is not doing any political work this fall. He says in his letter to Chairman Cooper: "In common with the Republicans of Vermont I look with interest and solicitude at the situation in Pennsylvania, where it would seem, for one cause or another, that disputes and discussions among Republicans are thought of be of more consequence than the success of the principles shared alike by the Republicans of Pennsylvania and other states."

Colonel Donn Piatt now lives in quiet and retirement at Macochee Ohio. His house, castle-like in appearance, was built of stone quarried on nut woodwork was cut from trees growing close by.

Two years ago the coming winter, north-western Iowa was literally snow ed in and transportation almost entirely ceased. Then it was found that the supply of fuel was totally inadequate from only by chopping up fences and outhouses. The mild weather of last winter made only a sight demand upon the stores of fuel which had been prudently laid in, but the lessons was not lost, and already arrangements have the country. been made to baffle any possible combination of the elements so far as coal can do it.

The Hon James W. Dawes, the candidate of the Nebraska Republicans for Governor of the State, was born in Ohio and is only thirty-eight years old. He is a lawyer, has been a member of the Legislature, and is now chairman of the party's State Committee. He is regarded as one of the strongest men the convention could have named.

Reports came from Vienna that the ex-Empress Eugenie, who left England in high dudgeon at the attentions which were paid to Cetewayo, has purchased for \$300,000 the park and chateau of Wasserberg, in Styria, where she will henceforth spend most of her

The failure of Congressman Urner to get a renomination in the VIth District of Maryland has revived the rumor that Montgomery Blair would be the Democratic candidate for Congress there. He is said to be willing to make the race, and he will doubtless be given the opportunity.

Justice Stanley Matthews will now make his home permanently in Washington, where he has just completed a fine new house, much finer, it is said, than that of any of his associates.

The Buffalo Express wants to know who invented kissing. We don't think it was ever invented, it just came kind o' natural, like a shock of sugar-coated electricity. Our first mother, in her maiden innocence, asked Adam to tell if her back hair was all right, and we presume he couldn't help it. We couldn't if we'd been Adam, and the girl's mother away at prayer-meeting. tice would yet overtake his false accusers.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. FOREIGN.

A PROPOSED CONFERENCE. Irish nationalists will hold a secret conference at Dublin on the 7th proximo Later in the present year a great national con-vention will be held to consider the condition

TURKEY BECOMING ANXIOUS. The Porte addressed a note to the British ambassador demanding to know the steps contemplated by his government in regard to the withdrawal of British troops from Egypt, as they are no longer required in that

SMALL POX IN AFRICA. A dispatch from Cape Town, in outh Africa, says: The small-pox is raging worse than ever. There are 2,000 cases thus far, mostly natives, 600 fatal. The disease has reached the military. Cape Town is declared infected, and all vessels sailing thence for other parts in the colony will be quarantined. The greatest excitement prevails in the diamond fields. Illegal measures are taken to ex clude persons arriving there suspected of hav ing infections. The streets of Cape Town bave a deserted appearance and business is suffer-

FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF REBRIS. The Egyptian ministry has settled on a plan for the trial of rebels. One decree proposes to institute a special commission for the prosecution of all acts of rebellion committed by the military or civilians. The commission will consist of nine members, and will be under the Presidency of Ismail Rey. Another decree orders a court-martial with eight members, Reouf Pasha presiding, to be held in Cairo, and that it shall give judgment according to the military code, without appeal, in all cases submitted by the above named commission. The third decree directs the assembling in Alexandria of another court martial to try all cases submitted by tribunals receptly appointed in Alexandria and Tantah. The proceedings of both courts-martial will be public, and the accused will be permitted to employ counsel.

WILL ASK ADVICE.

It is semi-officially announced at Berlin that the powers expect a communication ing an expression of their views upon the state of affairs in Egypt.

GRAY SUFFERING IN PRISON. E. Dwyer Gray is suffering acutely prison at Dublin from affection of the chest. SAID TO BE CROWNED.

Vienna newspaper publishes story in effect that the Emperor and Empress of Russia were secretly crowned during their recent visit to Moscow. If the Emperor surgives till the public coronation, the secret ceremony will be considered void. In the event of his death it will be made public, so as to avoid any difficulty in proclaiming the Czarowitz Alexander as the lawful successor of the

All the Irish suspects have been set free, owing to the expiration of the coercion

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. Value of imports for 12 months end-

ing August 31, \$741,983,917; exports same period, \$737,038,172.

THE CONDITION OF BOYET. Aside from the trouble at Cairo caused by sneaking native incendiaries, the condition of affairs in Egypt if so peaceful and promising that little or no display of force is needed to preserve order. The British channel squadron has sailed from Alexandria for Malta. On land, perhaps 12,000 British troops will be kept to support the new regime and enforce its regulations in case of resistance.

HONORS FOR SEYMOUR. The Khedive has conferred the grand cross of the Order of Osmanieh upon Admiral The London Times says the Admiral does not want to be elevated to a peer-

GRAT TO BE RELEASED.

Judge Louser, who sentenced E. the spot, and the oak, cherry and wal- Dwyer Gray to prison, now proposes to release him on the payment of \$5.0 five. In ordering to be sent in before the lat of November. The the release, the Judge pointed out that since his imprisonment a considerable change for the better had taken pivce in the tone of his paper, the Freeman's Journal. He said the action taken by himself and the law officers had been effectual in preventing the course of justice being impeded. The order of the court in regard to Gray's sureties was made to prevent to the demand, and the people kept any publications similar to the objectionable one from appearing, but in the event of such publications hereafter the executive bad the full power necessary to deal with them. He was also, he added, not without hope that a reaction would spring up against the system of crime and outrage which had long disgraced

POLITICAL POINTS. WHAT THE WOMEN DID.

National women suffrage association in session at Omaha, thanked congress for the appointment of standing committees on wo men suffrage and resolved among other things that it is the "paramount" duty of congress to submit to the states a constitutional amend ment to secure the enfranchisement of women Elizabeth Cady Stanton was elected president. Vice president for Michigan, Fannie Holden Fowler. Member of executive committee for Michigan, Cordelia A. Rigg.

PROBLETTIONISTS IN CALIFORNIA. The state Prohibition convention met at San Francisco, California, and nominated for governor Dr. R. H. McDonald of San Francisco; lieutenant governor, Wm. Syms of Yold

CRIMINAL MATTERS.

WICKED SHIP OFFICERS. Capt. Hamilton and mate Cummings of the ship Undaunted are arrested in New York on a charge of cruelty at sea. One sea man was killed by failing through fear into

the hold. AN OLD QUARREL SETTLED

Fifteen years ago George Hallenbeck and William Stratton quarreled in Palmyra, N. Y. The other day they met near Carrix pass, Texas, went into a darkened room and fought a duel. Stratton fired four times. Halenbeck fired, killing Stratton instantly.

SENTENCED TO HANG. A brother of Walsh, who was hangd at Galway, Ireland, is found guilty as an accessory to the murder of constable Kavanagh at Letterfract. The jury recommended Walsh to mercy on account of youth. The jury also reccommended Walsh to mercy because there was no positive evidence, they said, that he actually fired the shots which caused Kayanaph's death. The prisoner was very violent and shoutedfloudly that the witnesses had given false evidence. He was sentenced to be hanged October 28. Judge Lawson said he the appointers of the Governor have been rewould forward the jury's recommendation to the proper quarter, but he could hold out no have been appointed. This organized nullifihope to the prisoner that the recommendation We would be favorably acted upon. Walsh again became greatly excited and cried out that jus-

Henry J. Hall, who stole \$21,000 from a trust company at Providence, has been sentenced to five years in the Rhode Island

penitentiary.
A HYPOCRITICAL DIVINE. At the end of the eight days trial by the Illino's Conference, at Lincoln, Ill., Rev. H. O. Hoffman was found guilty of falsehood fornication and bastardy. The verdict was rendered after six hours consideration by the ministerial jury. The case has been pending for several months, having been brought against the minister by a servant girl that was formerly in his employ. Hoffman is a well-known character in Illinois church circles, having had a church trial at Quincy several years ago for alleged improprieties with the sisters. The verdict was in his favor that time, however, which probably led him on to th other crime of which he now stands convicted. Justice treads with leaden heel, but strikes with iron hand.

ADDITIONAL NEWS.

SETTLER AT LAST. After a controversy continued through ax years a determination has been reached at the treasury department, whereby the affairs of the defunct First National bank of New Orleans will be adjusted, and the creditors will get their longed-for cash.

WHAT WILL BE DONE. At Cairo it is believed no rebel will executed.Punishment will come in theform of banishment of person and confiscation o property. Some hope of amnesty to all save a few leaders is held out.

STARVING LABRADORIANS. The new prefect apostolic named by the pope over the vast district on the north re of the St. Lawrence from Blanc Sablan to Hudson Bay makes an urgent appeal to public charity in behalf of the scattered settler and fishermen of the Labrador coast, threaten ed, with starvation through the utter failure of crops and of the seal and cod fisheries.

DAMAGING FIRE. As the result of a disastrous fire in the Franklin sugar refinery at Philadelphia, one thousand men are out of employment, and \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. Although three alarms were sent out, the fire was not got under control until the block bounded by Delaware avenue, Swanson, Almond and Brainbridge streets were burned. The block contained two large buildings, that facing on Delaware avonue being a mould house, nine stories high, and that in the rear of the mould house and extending to Swanson street being a new building called a filter house. These buildings were filled with sugar in process of manufacture and ready for delivery, and both structures and their contents are in ruins The centrifugal house and boiler house in the block from Swanson to Penn streets and Almond to Brait bridge streets were saved. MILWAUKER HARD UP.

The comptroller of Milwaukee tells the common council that there is a shortage of about \$480,000 in the city finances, and he refuses to sign any more orders upon exhaust ed funds.

ADDITIONAL DAMAGE.

The damages down east and along he sealoard by storms and floods are aug mented unti! they reach an astonishing total by additional accounts received from divers piaces. Among the localities which have suffered severely may be mentioned Trenton Plainfield, New Brunswick, Princeton and Jersey (ity, in New Jersey; North Adams and Reedsboro in Massachusetts; Waterbury, Con-necticut; New York and Philadelphia, the coast line of Virginia, and the region of the jower Bappahannock.

THE INJURED. Reports from the scene of the accident to Sells Brothers' circus train near Point Lick, Kentucky, give the number of wrecked cars as seven; persons instantly killed, three; fatally wounded, two or three; more or less cus employes. A coroner's jury attributed the smash-up to careless and too rapid running of the train.

DISSATISFIED. Garfield monument fair directors want all applications for space for exhibits Michigan commissioners are dissatisfied with the arrangements for their state's display and refuse to act further until their reasonable de-

A DRY GOODS FIRM PAILS. Dry goods circles in the east are sur prised more than a little at the sudden suspension and assignment of the wholesale house f Wellington Brothers, of Boston.

A MECHANICS' COUNCIL. The national council of the order of united American mechanics recently held a session at Washington. The number of members is 16,164 Paid out for benefits and relief the past year, \$65,701. Balance in treasury of subordinate councils-general fund, \$278,932; widows' and orphans' fund, \$69,643.

RICE CULTURE. The number of acres in rice in the United States in 1880 was 174,178; number of pounds produced, 110,131,373 clear rice, an average product of 682 pounds per acre. The number of acres under custivation in 1881 was nearly 20,000 less than in 1880, and the product of 1881 11,000,000 pounds greater than that of

the previous year.

THE NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE, The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed a commission to examine and report pon reorganization of the force of the New York custom house.

BOWDIES AMONG GOD'S PROPIR A religious conference held by Bap ists at Hampton cross roads, Virginia, was rudely disturbed by a pistol fight between two drunken introders. The rowdles killed each other in the church. Many people were hurt n the panic.

UP IN A BALLOON Prof. Allen's balloon escaped the other morning from Milford, Mass., with the Prof. in the backet. He had no anchor, nor had preparations for the journey been completed. and the valves were not in working order. It anded about two miles from Putnam, very low down, and the occupant seemed all right.

A South Lebanon, O., special says: Five persons entered an old boat to cross the Miami river. During a playful struggle for poe ession of the oars the boat capsized and fou of the party were drowned. Their name were: Newton and Ella Wallace and Abraham and Belle Lucas.

DISCREYING THE LAW. Says a Salt Lake despatch: Gov. furray, in obedience to the law of congress viding for appointments to fill vacancie sloned by fallure to hold election in Au gust, appointed a number of officials through out Utah. In definece of law and the Edmund's bill, which disqualifies polygamists fused the records and places to which the cation is in obedience to orders of the Mormon leaders. I bose who think it criminal to bold over were whipped in by the council and

grees to the contrary. Write of mandamus were applied for to day. The action of Gov. Murray in firmly executing the law in the face of the Mormon leaders is approved by all lawabiding people.

THE UTAH COMMISSION. Judge Jere Black, on behalf of the Mormous, will present to the Secretary of the Interior an argument in favor of the removal of Gov. Murray, of Utab, and in connection with the argument to prove the Utah Commission unconsututiona

STONEMAN RESIGNS. Gen. Sherman, who is acting Secretary of War in the absence of Mr. Lincoin has accepted the resignation of Gep. Stone man as colonel on the retired list of the army Gen. Stoneman is the Democratic candidat for Governor of California.

LAND FOR THE LANDLESS.

The Secretary of the Interior has de cided to reopen for settlement a large tract of agricultural land embracing about 10,000,000 acres in Northern Dakota, withdrawn from settlement by Secretary Schurz. The trace once formed part of the great Sioux reservation, but was purchased by the government. Portions have been occupied by the Turtle Mountain Indians, a roving band of Chipps was. These Indians presented a claim urging their right to occupancy and Secretary Schurz withdrew the lands from settlement pending consideration of the claim. Secretary Teller now decides the claim of the Chippewas invalid and reopens the lands to settlement.

HUNTING HIS LOST FAMILY. A New York dispatch says: A man named Paterson, of Saginaw, Mich , is seeking the aid of the Emigration Commissioners to recover his wife and children, lost between Saginaw and this city.
A FRIGHTFUL PLUNGE.

At 5:30 the other evening a dummy car used for conveying passengers over the international bridge between Erie, Ont., and Black Rock, a suburb of Buffalo, N. Y., fell through an open draw into the Niagara river, 26 feet. It seems that the steamer Falcon was coming up and the draw in the bridge wa opened for her to pass. At the same time the dummy engine was making her last trip for the night. Frem some cause the engineer did not perceive the draw open, and the dumm; plunged into the river. Edward Bohn, engineer, Edward Hersh, a farmer, were instantly killed. The rest of the passangers were Mrs J. W. Parmies, Victoria, Canada; John Connell and Miss Connell, Albany, N. Y. Conduc tor Jas. Haggert and three others were seriously bruised, but rescued by the Falcon. Ma colm Colengh, bridge superintendent, standing on the platform of the car, jumped to the bridge as the car went down. The water is fully 40 feet deep at the point where the car went down.

A STEAMER BURNED. The steamboat Robert E. Lee while about 35 miles below Vicksburg, the other night, on its way to New Orleans, took fire and burned. She had just been overhauled and newly painted and was on the first trip this eason. She was loaded with 500 bales of cot ton and a good list of passengers. While opposite Point Pleasant at 3:30 a. m. she wa discovered to be on fire and was immediately headed for the Louisiana shore and landed at Yucatan plantation, thirty-five miles below Vicksburg. In a few minutes she was completely enveloped in flames. Twenty-one persons are believed to have been lost, including many of the grew. The steamboat J. M. White passed the wreck about 6 a. m. and took the remaining passengers and crew to Vicksburg. S. C. Rawlings and Robert Smith, pilots, were both burned and otherwise hurt. A passenger said: "I never saw anything burn so quick. I was aft at the time, and when I heard the

slarm, knowing my partner, who sleeps sound-, ly, and other officers were in the texas and in great danger, I rushed up to waken them. The fire followed me so fast that by the time I had them all up my partner had his hair singed in getting down stairs from the hurricane roof, boat had just been freshly painted and she went like guppowder. The saved owe their l lives to the admirable courage of the pilot John Stoul. He stood at the wheel and gave hope to all by his firmness, and as the steamer rounded at Yucaran Landing the flames were fast enveloping the brave man in the pilot house, who, despite the fire around him, with almost the last hope of escape gone, remained at his post, until he gave word to the enginee that the boat had-made shore. Not until this was done did he for one minute take a hand from the wheel. He made his escape by the hurricane roof down the hog chain to the low er deck and from there ashore.

Life in San Francisco.

The other day one of our most es eemed young burglars was by some oversight arrested and fined for creating a disturbance. In default of the fine he was to stay in jail 80 days. The prisoner was deeply humiliated by the sentence, as burgling has been so dull recently that he was not in funds, though like most 'Frisco celeb rities, he would rather suffer death than endure the disgrace of being locked up. So he sent for a well-known Pine street broker.

"Mr. Skinum," said the burglar (they were old college chums) "I want to make you a business proposition. Last month your house was entered and robbed of a fine breech-loading gun, a stem winder watch and a pair of dia mond studs.

"Yes; well?" "Well, I took 'em-but you can't prove it. Now, if you'll pay my pre-sent fine, I'll return you the gun or the watch, take your choice."

broker, after a second's reflection, 1'll do it for the gun and the studs." "Couldn't possibly," replied the crow-bar artist. "I want the studs to wear to a dinner the boys are getting up But I'll tell you what I will do. My dress vest buttons up pretty high; l can get along with one stud, so I'll let you have the other. Now, what d'yer

"It's a go!" said the broker, and after handing the other a blank invitation for the next hop of the Peavine sociable, he passed out and settled up

—San Francisco Post.

Mrs. Melville, wife of Engineer Melville, has been placed in the Norristown, Fa., insane asylum. Alcoholism.

A young girl being asked recently, as she returned from the circulating library with the last new novel, if she had ever read Shakespeare, tossed her pretty head and answered: "Shakes; Why, of course I have-I read that when it first came out."

A man started in a livery stable bus iness last week, and the first thing he did was to have a big sign painted, representing himself holding a mule by the bridle. "Is that a good likeness of me?" he asked of an admiring friend. "Yes, it is a perfect picture of you; but who is the fellow holding you by the A PORTICAL WEPDING.

mantic or rule were united lowing to ceremony: IINISTER.

This woma - wilt thou have And cherisa her for life; Wilt love and comfert her, And seek no other wife? HR.

This woman I will take That stands beside me now; I'll fied her board and clothes, And have no other "frow." MINISTER. nd for your husband will You take this nice young man,

Obey his slightest wish And love him all you can? SHE. I'll love him all I can, Obey him all I choose, And when I sek for funds He never must refuse.

MINISTER. Then you are man and wife, And happy may you be! As many be your years As dollars in my fee,

MISS HARCOURT'S LOVER.

"It looks as if it were going to snow for weeks, Miss Elizabeth," said old Gregory, as he touched his hat and hobbled down the icy pathway as fast as rheumatism and old age would permit him.

Miss Elizabeth looked down into the old English garden, with the tangled mass of shrubbery covered with snow, and a mist came over her eyes. A week! The slim white fingers

closed tightly over the yellow envelope clasped in her hand, and as she turned away from the door a tear . plashed lown upon it. In just one week the mortgage would

e foreclosed, the letter said, and unless the amount could be raised in the meanwhile, the dear old house where she was born must pass into the hands of strangers. The investments that her nephew

made for her all proved failures, and when, five years ago, he had come bust-ling up from London and told her that this mortgage would save her fortune, she signed her name to the paper, and or a while all seemed well. How foolish she had been! Why

had she not asked more about it? Ralph Morgan had paid the interest for her as it came due, until two years ago, when she received word from him, and he had decided to go to Australia. That was all. Miss Elizabeth had

seen very little of him. He was the only child of her sister. When the father died, the property divided between the sisters. Margaret took her share in noney, and went, with her husband and child, to live in London, where she died soon after.

Elizabeth had never left the old nomestead, and with proper management, there would never have been any need to do so; but now-she had made another mistake.

The old clock was ticking loudly in the great wide hall as she slowly went up the stairs to the pleasant room where ie had spent her life-time. "I am always making mistakes," she moaned, drearily, as she threw herself on the little white bed. "Sixteen years

ago to-day I made one, and now I have nade another." There were no tears now in the dark gray eyes, only a tired look that strangers would wonder at; for if ever a wom

an was envied in that village Elizabeth Harcourt was. "She has everything one could wish for," poor folks said, "but she is too good

with it all." How could they know of the business worries, and the pinching economy, the drawn sigh: aching heart that the sweet, calm face never showed?

Elizabeth Harcourt was a proud woman, and in years gone by, had been a hasty one; and now in the quiet of her room, her thoughts went back to long ago when, in her hot temper, she old Jack Rainsford she never wished to see his face again. How could he know that in the morning she would have given worlds to unsay the words? It had started like most quarrels, with such a little thing! But he had taken her at her word, and one week from the night she gave him back his ring he sailed for India, and she had

never seen him since. She did not think he would stay away, but in the meanwhile, no one should ever know she cared at all ; so she laughed and talked more blithely than ever, and grew prettier every day. until every one said she never had cared for him; and away off in hot Calcutta, Jack Rainsford heard it and his heart grew hard and bitter.

A year went by and he did not come back; then she promised to marry Philip Dinsmore. After that she was gayer han ever, until the wedding day was fixed, and the villagers talking of the grand match, she broke it off with him. Nobody ever knew why, except Philip Dinsmore. If he had been less grand and noble than he was she might have married him; but looking into those pure eyes of his, she could not take a ie on her lips. So she told him with bitter tears how the face of her absent lover came between her and any one

Brave Philip Dinsmore! As he tened, whiter and whiter grewhis face; but when she had finished, he stooped and kissed the sweet red lips for the last time. In all the world he knew he would never love another woman as he loved Beth Harcourt, and it was a grander love than she had before.

"I am going to India on business next month, Beth," he wrote to her afterward, "and if I can, I will find Jack Rainsford." So he sailed away—and the ship was lost, and Philip Dinsmore never reached Jack Rainsford.

After that Elizabeth Harcourt was sever the same; and as the years rolled on, she was left alone with faithful ervants in the old stone house. Some body said that Mr. Rainsford married the daughter of a rich merchant, but he never came back. Something had gone from her life with each year, and now, at forty, the very last thing had come, and the old home was to go.

No wonder, on that winter morning Elizabeth Harcourt was in despu She had so much to bear! From that night that Jack Rainsford left her in anger she had never really been happy again. That hot temper her mother had warned her against—ah! it had been cooled since then. No one who saw her bending quietly over the sick bed in the poorest cottage, would guess that calm face there had ever seen anything but peace.

Now she lay with wide open eyes, thinking of the past, and in her ears were ringing old Nurse Blackitt's words of her: "She will take an awful site of soberin'."

Just then there came a knock at the door, and Elspeth's voice saying:

"Miss Elizabeth, there is a strange gentleman down stairs who wishes to see you a few minutes. He looks as if he was from London."

The lawyer from London! Miss Harcourt's heart gave a quick throb as she arose and mechanically glanced at the little narrow glass between the windows. There was a red spot burning on each cheek, and the brown hair had lost its smooth, satin appearance; but she did not notice that to day, but passed quickly down to the cool, dark room below.

The stranger rose and bowed as she entered, a tall man with gray hair and a swarthy skin. "Your letter came this morning," be-

gan Miss Elizabeth, nervously. afraid the house will have to go for the "My letter?" said the stranger. "I think there must be some mistake."

"I beg your pardon," Miss Harcourt aid, but are you not from London?" The stranger took a step forward. "Beth," he said, "have I changed so

ompletely that you do not know me?" "Jack!" she gasped. "You cannot be Jack Rainsford!" Such a different meeting from that

which she had planned in the years gone by! Instead of passionate kisses she quietly shook hands with her old lover, and sat down on the chair opposite to him. A chill disappointed look came over

the worn, tired face of the man, and be arose and walked over to the window as he said bitterly-"You have hardly changed at all, but sixteen years in India are not likely to

keep a man fresh and young—especially when they are not particularly happy ones. Something in the tones made Eliza beth Harcourt's heart thrill, as it had in the old days; but she remembered that wife in India. The feverish cheeks

quietly: "Are you going to stay any length of time in England, Mr. Rainsford? Is your wife with you?"

With a startled look he turned and faced her. "You know I never married, Beth Harcourt" he said bitterly. "I never loved any one but you, and you have

orgotten me." With a cry she sprang toward him, and the next moment was sobbing in his arms. "Jack, my darling," she said, "I have

oved you always, and have not forgotten you for one moment of the weary vears ! "If I had only known it before!" he

answered sadly. "Some one told me you married the year after I left, and I thought it was true, until one day on board a vessel, I met a lad that came from here. I asked him about the old place, and he told me Elizabeth Harcourt had nursed him through a fever when every one else was afraid to come ear him.

Rainsford stopped and slipped an old noop of shining stones on Miss Harcourt's finger. "Do you know," he said "a wild tope filled me, and I said to myself,

If not I will drop it in the middle of the ocean, and never look it England again." Elizabeth looked down at the spark-

"Oh, Jack, it was only this morning that I was in despair."

"Suppose you let me see that letter from London?" he said. 'I wanted to make some English investments." That night Miss Harcourt knelt by the little white bed with a happy sob

like a tired child that has found rest at

Jack did make an investment, but it was not in London. The mortgage was relieved, and Jack and Beth now enjoy the old stone mansion.

A FIRE ANNIHILATOR. - Rough Notes thus describes an invention of Mr. E. L. Abbott, who has charge of the South Bend, Ind., Water Works, amorfg the best in the country. It consists of a bollow ball with six or more curved arms or tabes ten inches long, with a perfect nozzle at the end of each, and so made as to throw a solid stream of water st various points. The annihilator revolves with great rapidity as soon as the water is discharged into it, causing the streams to be discharged in all directions at the same moment of time, thoroughly drenching a room 100 feet square, putting out a fire that would master most departments with but limited machinery. The annihilator may be suspended overhead or otherwise, one or more in each room of large buildings with pipes or hese leading to the ground, connecting with hydrant streams, hand engines, or water tanks, at top of buildings. The importance of having an efficient fire engine ready to operate at all times, in any part of a large manufacturing establishment, without breaking in windows or doors. thereby increasing combustion, or requiring time to direct the water to the flames, cannot be-over estimated. The annihilator performs its work in thi way, and is so arranged that its forts to subdue fire may be directed from the ground to any part of a large building simply by turning on water through any given pipe.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR HIS WIFE. -A gentleman sauntered into a large dry goods store in the city of Ldays before Christmas, and remarked casually to the attractive clerk: "I want something for a Christmas present for my wife. What have you got?" The clerk suggested various things, but the customer seemed not quite sat-

At last he asked, "Have you cotten

"Certainly, sir" "I need some new shirts. How much cloth does it take for a shirt?" "About four yards."

"Well, let's see. I want eight new shirts. Eight times four are thirty-two. I'll take thirty-two yards." The gratitude of the wife at receiving as a Christmas present the cloth for eight new shirts for her husband

can be better imagined than described. Immense damage has been caused by recent floods in Austria and Italy. Receipts and Household Hints.

Not long since I noticed a call for cake receipts requiring less material. I have a number that have been thoroughly tested, and will meet the wants, especially for young housewives, and for use when eggs are as much a rarity

as Christian charity.
WHITE CAKE.—One cup white sugar, piece of butter size of small egg, one half cup sweet milk, one and one half cups of flour, two small teaspoonfuls baking powder stirred in the flour; the whites of three eggs, one teaspoonful extract of lemon or vanilla—these to be put together in the following manner, as much of the success depends upon the manner of putting together: After measuring out all the ingredients, that nothing may have been for-goiten, stir the butter and sugar to a cream, in an earthern dish, then add the milk, stirring carefully, then the extract, then the flour, then stir until smooth, adding, lastly, the whites of the eggs, beaten to a froth. Bake in a slow oven; it will take forty live minutes, perhaps a little longer. Use a long, narrow tin.

For a second loaf, use the three yolks, one cup sugar (light brown will do), piece of butter size of an egg, one balf cup sour milk, scant one half teaspoonful soda, an even teaspoonful of cinnamon, one half teaspoonful of cloves, a little nutmeg, one full cup of flour, one cup of raisins, if liked. Stir the butter and sugar to a cream, beat the yolks by themselves till they will not string, then add the butter and sugar, next the spices, then the milk with the soda dissolved in it; stir this thoroughly together, then add the flour, and stir until smooth. All loaf cakes must bake slowly, and should not be cut until two or three days' old.

I find that starch, as used for laundry purposes, serves well as paste for scrap books. It will not invite insects, nor sour, like cheap mucilage. We prefer it for putting on wall paper.

LADY FINGERS.—Beat two eggs

light, one cup white sugar, one table-spoonful sweet milk, one tablespoonful melted butter, one teaspoonful cream tartar, one half teaspoonful soda, and flour enough to make a stiff dough. grew a deeper crimson, but she said The cream tartar should be stirred in a part of the flour, and the soda dissolved in the milk. Roll thin and sprinkle with sugar, after which cut in strips

and bake in a quick oven. CREAM CAKE.—Two eggs, one cup sugar, one cup sour cream, scant one half teaspoonful soda, two cups flour. This will be found very nice for invalids and children.

In all receipts where soda is required, use sparingly, unless you wish the old-fashioned green tint so common when saleratus was used.

H. E. B. Deaf as a Brass Kettle,

Quietly entering a barber shop the stranger removed his hat and coat, and taking a card from his pocket wrote on "I want to be shaved."

A barber stepping forward, read the card and pointing to a chair, said to his ! rother artists: "Deaf as a brass kettle and dumb as an oyster." The man straigh aned himself out

in the chair when | manipulator began lathering his tice. "This deaf co s has a check like a stone wall," he said, when a general

laugh followed.

"Stick a pin in him and see if he is entirely dumb," said another. The victim remaining undisturbed the following shots were fired at him by the tonsorial artists:

"He needs a shampoo. His head is dirtier than a cesspool. "Shave him with a stool leg-don't spoil your raisor on that stubble "Gracious, what a breath! It smells

like a Duten band of music.' "He ought to rent that nose for a locomotive headlight," etc., etc. While all these complimentary allusions were flying around him the operation of shaving was finished, and the man arose, put on his coat, and then turning to the astonished barber, said:

"How much for the shave and compli-"I-I-I-I" gasped the astonished man. "O, nothing—nothing. Call again excuse"—and as the stranger left the shop the discomfitted barbers swore they would never believe in a deaf and dumb man again, until they fired a ten-

pound cannon about his ears. BEECHER'S COW. "I can rememper," says Henry Ward Beecher, "when I received an old cow in payment of a bad debt. It was a very bad debt, and I came to consider it a very bad payment. She was a thin cow, but the former owner said she was better than she looked, being a cross between the Jersey and the Durham, She looked as if she might have been a cross octween an old hair trunk and an abandoned hoop-skirt. I kept the brute three days, and no one, except perhaps Lieut. Atwell, could ever appreciate the suffering 1 endured in that time, The first night she broke through the the fence and reduced to a pulp all the underclothing belonging to my next door neighbor. She put her horn through my bath tub, and ate up all my geraniums. She was to give three allons of milk a day, but she seemed to be just then, and never had that amount to spare while we kept The second day she walked into the kitchen and upset a pan of butter and a tub of lard. Then she fell down a well, and when I got her out, at a cost of five dollars, she took the colic. whooping cough, or something, and kept us awake all night. Not a green thing was left in my garden; my neigh-bor's peach trees and the rope on which his underwear grew were as bare of fruit as a singletree, and he did not have a twig of shrubbery left. My neighbor came over to see me, and

"'Now, I don't desire any quarrel, but I want you to keep your cow out of my shrubbery.'

"'And I want you, my friend,' said
I. "to keep your skrubbery out of my
cow; it spoils the taste of the milk."
"Ever afterward there was a coolness between us, and my neighbor's wife ceased to patronize our house when she wanted to borrow a cupful of yeast

"Edward, what do I hear-that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down those steps?" "Grandma didn't tell he not to, Papa. She only came to the door and said: 'I wouldn't jump desa those steps boys. And I shouldn't think she would, an old lady like think

powder.'